

Chartered in July 1972, Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 is an asset to our veteran community. I thank the Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 for their commitment to honoring our veterans and for helping to strengthen the bonds in the El Paso community. I am glad that Veteran Service Organizations like these exist in our area, and I thank them for their selfless service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor and recognize the Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on November 14, 2014, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call 518 and "yea" on roll call 519.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on November 11, 2014, on rollcall No. 516 on the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 4194—Government Reports Elimination Act, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On November 12, 2014, on rollcall No. 517 on H. Res. 748, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5682) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On November 13, 2014, on rollcall No. 518 on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 5682, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On November 13, 2014, on rollcall No. 519 on H.R. 5682, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, I am not recorded because I was absent for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING LAURIE EVERETT

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Laurie Everett of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for the inspiration she offers to the youth and women of Missouri.

At age 22, Ms. Everett first enlisted in the U.S. Army. Her experience strengthened her ability to offer other women encouragement to persevere through the arduous transition of being away from home. As an entrepreneur

and owner of Annie Laurie's Antiques, she mentors both female interns and professional women to support their professional development. In addition, to support at risk youth, Ms. Everett sponsored youth job trainings through the Myers Goodwill Workforce Investment Board of Southeast Missouri.

Laurie Everett's achievements in business and dedication to mentorship have greatly influenced our community. It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and accomplishments before the House of Representatives.

DETECTIVE MAURO FARALLO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call to your attention to the deeds of an outstanding 19 year veteran of the Passaic Police Department, Detective Mauro Farallo, affectionately known as "Moe." Moe has dedicated his career to serving and protecting the citizens and businesses of the City of Passaic. To honor his years of service, his family, friends, and colleagues joined together in October to celebrate his outstanding community service and acts of valor.

Moe began his career in the Passaic Police Department's Patrol Division in 1995. He was later assigned to the Detective Bureau where he assisted in numerous major investigations including Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, and Arson. Through his diligent computer work and tireless efforts, Moe solved many cases and helped identify several unidentified deceased persons through dental and medical records. These efforts have provided closure for victims' families.

Moe currently serves as the President and Alternate State Delegate of Passaic PBA Local 14, which is the collective bargaining agent for the Officers of the Passaic Police Department. He works tirelessly to ensure that the membership receives fair compensation by negotiating officers' contracts. During his tenure as PBA President, Moe has successfully brought financial stability to the struggling finances of the union which better serves its members and the community.

Moe's humble roots and strong family ties have played an integral part in his compassionate and giving nature as well as his warm disposition and tenacity. He grew up in Union City where he was exposed to many different cultures, religions, and nationalities. He moved to Rutherford in Bergen County and played for the Rutherford High School football team during which time he worked in the family pizza business where he learned to respect and love his fellow employees. After graduating from Rutherford High School, Moe bought Mama Mia Pizzeria from his father and ran a successful business for 14 years. In 1995, he sold the business and began his career in the Passaic Police Department.

I have had the good fortune to personally know Moe and his beautiful family. Moe is truly deserving of this recognition and I am sure that his family and friends are sincerely proud and grateful for all his selfless deeds. Moe is an invaluable asset to the entire community and I wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of dedicated individuals like Detective Mauro Farallo. Moe is a truly admirable person and who I am honored to call my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Detective Farallo's family, friends, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing Detective Mauro Farallo's outstanding character and service to our community.

HONORING THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 375TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the community of Stratford, Connecticut as they mark the 375th Anniversary of the town's founding—a remarkable milestone for this wonderful shoreline community. Founded in 1639, Stratford is a community rich in history and natural beauty. Situated on Long Island Sound, and bounded to the east by the Housatonic River, Stratford is home to some 51,000 residents.

The community's colonial history traces to when William Judson, perhaps with a small party ventured into newly opened lands to scout for a new location for Reverend Adam Blackman's congregation. In 1639, a group of about seventeen families set out from Wethersfield, Connecticut, making their way down the Housatonic River to an inlet later named Mac's Harbor. They built their meeting house, the earliest Congregational Church and temporary sod houses. This new place was called Cupheag, an Indian word meaning "a place enclosed or sheltered." According to town records, Cupheag was first called Stratford in April of 1643 and though there is little historical data to determine the exact origin of the name, it is traditionally assumed that Stratford was so named after the great playwright, William Shakespeare's own town of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Like so many New England communities, Stratford is home to a number of historical properties. Boothe Memorial Park & Museum sits on 32 acres by the Housatonic River, which was the estate of the Boothe family for many generations and willed to the town in 1949 for the public to enjoy. The museum maintains a collection of buildings including a carriage house, Americana Museum, miniature lighthouse and windmill, a clocktower museum, a trolley station, a chapel and a blacksmith shop. The original Sikorsky Bridge toll booth from the Merritt Parkway is also located on the museum grounds. The Judson House, built circa 1750 by Captain David Judson on the site of his great-grandfather's 1639 stone house, is a fine example of Georgian architecture with its impressive broken scroll pediment entry. It is furnished with period pieces of Stratford origin. The beautiful paneled "west room" contains an early piano which belonged to William Samuel Johnson, framer of the U.S. Constitution, and the second president of Columbia University.